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1. DURING CONVERSATION ON OTHER MATTERS, JACOVIDES (CYPRUS) EXPRESSED TO AMB BENNETT SATISFACTION OVER ME RESOLUTION ADOPTED APRIL 21 BY SC. HE MADE PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO PREAMBULAR LANGUAGE AND OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH CONDEMNING ACTS OF VIOLENCE AFFECTING INNOCENT PERSONS AND SAID RESOLUTION SUITED CYPRIOT NEEDS ADMIRABLY. VIOLENCE OF THE TYPE SUFFERED BY CYPRUS HAD BEEN CON- DEMNED IN A MANNER SERVING CYPRIOT INTEREST WITHOUT CYPRUS HAVING TO GET INTO THE MATTER. RECENT NICOSIA INCIDENT HAD BEEN REFERRED TO IN THE DEBATE, AND THIS HAD BEEN USEFUL TO HIS GOVERNMENT.

2. JACOVIDES RECALLED PRESSURES ON HIS DELEGATION DURING CONSIDERATION OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM ISSUE BY 27 TH GA AND ACKNOWLEDGED THAT CYPRUS HAD STRADDLED ISSUE OUT OF DEISRE NOT TO GET OUT OF STEP WITH NON- ALIGNEDS. BENNETT CONFIDENTIAL

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TOOK OCCASION TO COMMENT THAT GROWING TENDENCY OF NON- ALIGNED TO VOTE TOGETHER FOR REASONS OF SOLIDARITY WITHOUT REGARD FOR SUBSTANCE OF SPECIFIC ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION WAS AN UNPROMISING DEVELOPMENT AT UN AND ONE NOT LIKELY TO

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CONTRIBUTE TO REPUTATION OF UN AS SERIOUS BODY. JACOVIDES ACKNOWLEDGED THIS DRIVE FOR SOLIDARITY BUIZED AS PART OF ANY OF THE REGIONAL GROUPS ESTABLISHED IN RESOLUTION 13 C/5.91. NOT HAVING BEEN ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REGIONAL ACTIVITIES OF UNESCO TO THE EXTENT IT WOULD HAVE WISHED, CANADA IS HAPPY THAT THE QUESTION WILL BE AGAIN DISCUSSED AT THE EXECUTIVE BOARD. IT HOPES THAT THE CRITERIA ADOPTED WILL PERMIT IT TO BRING ITS FULL CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORK OF UNESCO WHICH RECOGNIZES THE DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN MEMBER STATES IN THE FIELDS OF EDUCATION, CULTURE, SCIENCE AND INFORMATION, AND WHOSE REGIONAL CONFERENCES WERE ESTABLISHED TO PERMIT EXCHANGES BETWEEN COUNTRIES WITH CULTURAL OR HISTORIC ACTIVITIES. CANADA BELIEVES THAT TO PROMOTE THIS OBJECTIVE REGIONAL CRITERIA MUST TAKE NOTE OF THE CULTURAL AFFINITIES OF THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED.

C. THE ESSENTIAL CHARACTER OF CANADA BINDS IT CLEARLY TO EUROPE AS DO ITS HISTORIC AND ACTUAL TIES WITH THAT CONTINENT. CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN CSCE MPT IS THE MOST RECENT MANIFESTATION OF THIS. THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE CANADIAN POPULATION IS OF DIFFERENT AND OFTEN RECENT EUROPEAN ORIGIN. THIS FACT CONTRIBUTED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CANADIAN POLICY OF MULTI- CULTURISM WHICH SEEKS TO REINFORCE CANADIAN CULTURAL PERSONALITY AND ITS DISTINCT IDENTITY. THERE IS AN UNDENIABLE AFFINITY BETWEEN CANADA AND EUROPE IN THE AREAS DEALT WITH BY UNESCO AS EVIDENCED BY THE TEACHERS, STUDENTS AND ARTISTS WHO CROSS THE ATLANTIC REGULARLY IN ACTIVE AND FRUITFUL EXCHANGES ON BOTH SIDES, CULTURAL AND INTELLECTUAL EX- CHANGES FOR WHICH FRENCH AND ENGLISH, CANADA' S TWO LANGUAGES, ARE THE VEHICLES.

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D. IF THERE MUST BE A DEFINITION OF THE " CULTURAL REGION" FOR UNESCO REGIONAL CONFERENCES, CANADA AND EUROPE COULD NOT BE IN DIFFERENT REGIONS. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD RECOGNIZED THE SOUND BASIS FOR THIS THESIS IN INVITING CANADA TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE INTER- GOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE ON CULTURAL POLICIES IN EUROPE (HELSINKI 1972). THE UNESCO SECRETARIAT ALSO RECOGNIZED IMPLICITLY CANADIAN- EUROPEAN AFFINITIES IN GIVING THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR RELATIONS WITH CANADA TO THE EUROPEAN DIVISION IN THE BUREAU FOR RELATIONS WITH MEMBER STATES.

E. THE CANDEL HOPES THE (BLANK) DEL WILL TAKE NOTE OF THESE CONSIDERATIONS DURING THE DISCUSSION OF POINT 4.2 OF THE PROVISIONAL ORDER OF THE DAY. IT WOULD BE NEITHER IN THE INTEREST OF EUROPE OR CANADA OR UNESCO IF CANADA WERE PREVENTED FROM PLAYING ITS FULL ROLE IN EUROPEAN REGIONAL ACTIVITIES. END TEXT.

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